

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A Christmas tree watering system for supplying water to a water receptacle of a Christmas tree stand supporting a Christmas tree, the watering system comprising consisting of:

a water reservoir ~~comprising~~ in the form of a container having a bottom outlet, said bottom outlet being the only opening into and out of said water reservoir;

a support loop extending from the top end of the water reservoir;

means for securing said water reservoir to the Christmas tree;

a conduit extending from said water reservoir to the water receptacle, the conduit having an upper end connected to said bottom outlet of said water reservoir and a lower end, the lower end of said conduit being rigid, so that when pressure is applied to the lower end, the lower end remains open and uncollapsed; and

~~means~~ a strip of hook and loop fastening material for securing said lower end of said conduit to the trunk of the Christmas tree;

whereby, when said watering system is secured to a Christmas tree, with said Christmas tree trunk and said conduit lower end located in said water receptacle, water in said reservoir will flow down the conduit and into the water receptacle when the water

level in the water receptacle is below the lower end of said conduit and until the water level within the water receptacle reaches the level of the lower end of said conduit;

wherein when the water level in said water receptacle reaches said lower end of said conduit the water in the water receptacle creates a seal around the lower end of said conduit, which prevents air from flowing to the reservoir and creates a vacuum in said reservoir, said vacuum stopping the flow of water from said reservoir; and

wherein water will be delivered from said water reservoir to said water receptacle on an as need basis, only when the water level in the water receptacle is below the lower end of the conduit.

Claim 2. (*Currently Amended*) The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising a support loop formed in a top end of said water reservoir,~~ said means for securing said water reservoir ~~comprising~~ is a hook extending from the support loop formed in ~~[[a]]~~ the top end of said water reservoir.

Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising a support loop formed in said water reservoir,~~ said means for securing said water reservoir ~~comprising~~ is a strip of hook and loop fastening material extending from the support loop ~~formed in the top end of~~ formed in the top end of said water reservoir.

Claim 4. *(Cancelled)*

Claim 5. *(Original)* The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, wherein said water reservoir and said conduit are constructed of plastic.

Claim 6. *(Cancelled)*

Claim 7. *(New)* A Christmas tree watering system in combination with a Christmas tree stand, said combination comprising:

- a Christmas tree stand having means for supporting a Christmas tree, said Christmas tree stand including a water receptacle;

- a Christmas tree watering system consisting of;

- a water reservoir in the form of a container having a bottom outlet, said bottom outlet being the only opening into and out of said water reservoir;

- a support loop extending from the top end of the water reservoir;

- means for securing said water reservoir to a Christmas tree;

- a conduit extending from said water reservoir to the water receptacle, the conduit having an upper end connected to said bottom outlet of said water reservoir and a

lower end, the lower end of said conduit being rigid, so that when pressure is applied to the lower end, the lower end remains open and uncollapsed; and

a strip of hook and loop fastening material for securing said lower end of said conduit to the trunk of the Christmas tree;

whereby, when said watering system is secured to a Christmas tree, with said Christmas tree trunk and said conduit lower end located in said water receptacle, water in said reservoir will flow down the conduit and into the water receptacle when the water level in the water receptacle is below the lower end of said conduit and until the water level within the water receptacle reaches the level of the lower end of said conduit;

wherein when the water level in said water receptacle reaches said lower end of said conduit the water in the water receptacle creates a seal around the lower end of said conduit, which prevents air from flowing to the reservoir and creates a vacuum in said reservoir, said vacuum stopping the flow of water from said reservoir; and

wherein water will be delivered from said water reservoir to said water receptacle on an as need basis, only when the water level in the water receptacle is below the lower end of the conduit.

Claim 8. *(New)* The Christmas tree watering system and Christmas tree stand for supporting a Christmas tree of claim 7, wherein said means for securing said water reservoir is a hook extending from the support loop formed in the top end of said water reservoir.

Claim 9. *(New)* The Christmas tree watering system and Christmas tree stand for supporting a Christmas tree of claim 7, wherein said means for securing said water reservoir is a strip of hook and loop fastening material extending from the support loop formed in the top end of said water reservoir.

Claim 10. *(New)* The Christmas tree watering system and Christmas tree stand for supporting a Christmas tree of claim 7, wherein said water reservoir and said conduit are constructed of plastic.